

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Prohibition & Excise Department - Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Vizianagaram District- Detention of Sri Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram Town, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1257

Dated: 14-10-2025

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Superintendent of Police, Vizianagaram District, Letter in C. No. 41/D4/DCRB/VZM/2025, Dt.21.07.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Superintendent of Police, Vizianagaram District has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, I Town Police Station has placed before the Superintendent of Police, Vizianagaram District and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram Town, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh (herein after referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

2. He has no respect for law and he has been engaging in illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. He has all the attributes as envisaged under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT-NDPS Act). He started earning money by transporting and selling Ganja without any respect towards law, had emerged as a kingpin in illegal selling and possession of Ganja.

3. Two (02) cases were registered against Sri Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram Town, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in Vizianagaram. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS act 1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities.

The below cases under NDPS Act were registered against him till date are as follows:

Sl. No	Name of the PS	Cr.No & Sec of Law	Ganja Seized	Present stage of the case
1	I Town PS , Vizianagaram Town	Cr.No.591/2023, U/s 8(c) R/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act-1985	5 Kg	SC.No awaited
2	Jami PS, Vizianagaram Dist.	Cr.No.148/2024, U/s 8 (c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS, r/w 3(5) BNS.	2.046 KGs	Pending in Trail

4. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

1.Cr.No 591/2023 U/s 8(c) R/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act-1985 of I Town PS, Vizianagaram of Vizianagaram District

This is a case of illegal possession of Ganja that on 22-09-2023 at 05.30 hrs, at Two wheeler Parking at Vizianagaram Railway Station, Vizianagaram. SI of Police, I Town, Vizianagaram, on receipt of reliable information, he rushed to two wheeler parking, at Railway Station, Vizianagaram Town along with mediators, caught the accused Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram town and seized the Ganja 02 Ganja packets weighing about 05 Kgs from his possession in the presence of the mediators under the cover of mediators report. Subsequently, Inspector of Police, I Town PS, Vizianagaram took up investigation, arrested the accused and sent for remand. In this charge sheet was filed on 04-07-2025, case is Under Investigation for want of SC.No.

2. Cr.No148/2024 u/s 8 (c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS act 1985 , r/w 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 of Jami PS, Vizianagaram District

This is a case of illegal possession of Ganja that occurred on 30.09.2024 at about 11.00 hours near Alamanda Railway station, Jami Mandal and reported on the same day at 13.30 hours, in which accused A-2 Mahanthi Sridhar, @ Uday, s/o Adinarayana, 20 years, Kapu by caste, Mahanthi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram, Cell No. 7036000366, Aadhar No. 8266 5535 7948, A-3 Rayi Sudheer Kumar, @ Siddu, s/o Srinivas, 21 years, SC Mala by caste, SC Colony, Collector office junction, Vizianagaram, Cell No. 6305699353, Aadhar No. 8731 1055 8227 and CICAL Koyya Bharath, s/o late Srinu, 17 years, Reddy by caste, Gujjuramunaidu Veedhi, Satyanarayanapeta, Thagarapuvalasa, Visakhapatnam District, Cell No. 9676008151, Aadhar No. 7463 9912 1033 were caught by the SI of Police, Jami PS and seized 2.046 KGs ganja from their possession

under the cover of mediators report . In this case charge sheet filed and case is Pending in Trail.

5. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in “illicit traffic” as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health. Thus, he is acting as prejudicial to the maintenance of the public health.

6. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading of the detainee Sri Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram Town, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh, and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

7. The offender repeatedly resorts to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act, 1988. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality, and impacting Public Health.

8. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detainee under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Vizianagaram District and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

9. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms.No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram Town, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh, shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/ Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detainee from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

10. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram Town, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a presentation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

11. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram.

Copy to:

Sri Mahanthi Sridhar, S/o Aadhinarayana, 19 yrs, T.Kapu by caste, Mahanathi Veedhi, Kanapaka, Vizianagaram Town, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh., (through the Inspector of Police, I Town Police Station, Vizianagaram)

The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.

The Superintendent of Police, Vizianagaram District.

The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.

The Inspector of Police, I Town Police Station, Vizianagaram (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).

The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.

The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.

The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.

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SECTION OFFICER